

YADKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MINUTES
June 4, 2007

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Monday, June 4, 2007 at 9:00am in the Yadkin County Human Services Building (Commissioner's Meeting Room), 217 E. Willow Street, Yadkinville, North Carolina.

Present Were:

Chair Kim Clark Phillips
Vice Chair Tommy Garner
Brady Wooten
Chad Wagoner
Joel Cornelius

Staff Present: County Manager, Eric Williams; County Attorney, Jim Graham; and Clerk to the Board, Gina Brown.

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Phillips at 9:00am

INVOCATION by Attorney Jim Graham

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE lead by Chair Phillips

ADJUSTMENTS TO/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Phillips called for the following adjustment...

XVI – closed session would be necessary at the end of the regular meeting to discuss property issues.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wooten to accept the agenda with the adjustment. Second by Vice Chair Garner.

Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jan Hicks spoke on behalf of the "Friends of the East Bend Library" (FEBL). Ms. Hicks reported that the library is pursuing several funding sources for new construction as they have outgrown their current library space. Ms. Hicks further stated that for each new piece of material added, one must be removed, resulting in Ø-growth. The FEBL are working with the Northwestern Regional Library but there is not adequate financial support for new construction. Land and grading

service have been donated. Currently, the library fund has a balance of \$18,000 with \$53,000 in other pledges. The funding goal is \$500,000. The FEBL are seeking the support of the Board. No action was taken at this time.

Public Comments Section closed at 9:13am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Phillips requested adjustments to the May 21, 2007 Minutes as follows:

Pg. 17 – Calendar Notes: add “June 8, 2007 at School Administration Offices” to the announcement of Dr. Todd’s Retirement Reception.

Motion by Commissioner Cornelius and second by Commissioner Wagoner to approve the following Minutes with adjustment:

May 21, 2007 Regular Session

May 21, 2007 Closed Session

May 24, 2007 Recessed Session

May 24, 2007 Closed Session

Vote: 5/0

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing at today’s meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Board appointment of Sharon Ianotte to the Board of Adjustments was postponed by consensus of the Board.

BOARD REPORTS/REQUESTS

Fire Marshal, Eddie Weatherman, presented data on requested fireworks permits for Board approval. Boonville Heritage Days Committee, East Bend GOD & Country Celebration, and Downtown Business Association of Yadkinville each requested a permit. Mr. Weatherman assured the Board that the fireworks company is reputable, the space for fireworks lighting is adequately cleared, and at least one fire vehicle will be on site.

Commissioner Cornelius made a motion to approve all 3 permits.

Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Economic Development Director, Bobby Todd, provided a monthly report to the Board. Report included a Calendar of Events and May 2007 Activities Report. Report highlights included:

- West Point Home moved into the unoccupied T3 Plant of Unifi
- West Point Home will employ 18
- Carolina Wine Supply outgrew their original building and has now moved to the Industrial Park
- Site search continues for 2 new projects
- Aquilla Creek Cabin is now open in conjunction with wineries and tourism
- Unifi has begun their advertising campaign to fill the newly posted 100+ jobs. However, Yadkin's unemployment rate at 4 ½ % or lower and recent plant closings in Surry County may result in fewer Yadkin candidates for these positions.
- Commissioner Cornelius added that the next quarterly Economic Development meeting will be held on 6/21/07 at 5:30

Solid Waste Director, Cheri Cranfill, presented a request for a budget amendment. The amendment would move monies from unused group insurance costs to part-time salaries in the recycling department. No new monies are involved.

Vice Chair Garner made a motion to approve the amendment.

Commissioner Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

May 24, 2007

TO: Eric Williams, County Manager
Sheron Church, Finance Manager

FROM: Cheri W. Cranfill, Supervisor

SUBJECT: Amendment 2006/2007 Budget

Enterprise Fund: Recycling

Budget amendment required for transfer of money to pay recycling part time salaries under the 2006/2007 fiscal budget year. These monies are needed to cover the part time salaries for full time site attendants out for surgery, illnesses, vacation and the sites that are open on Saturdays only. I had 3 employees out for an extended time. These employees receive no other benefits.

Description	Account Number	Original Budget	Increase/(Decrease)	Amend
Salary Part-time	6054760-51030	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$12,500.00
Group Insurance	6054760-51350	\$19,448.00	(\$2,500.00)	\$16,948.00

MANAGER REPORTS/COMMENTS

County Manager, Eric Williams, reported the following to the Board:

- Manager Williams presented the final version of the audit contract for Board approval. Manager Williams noted that the contract is limited to a 1-year period in hopes that some internal procedures can be enhanced or improved to reduce the overall auditing costs.

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to approve. Commissioner Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

- Manager Williams reported there are additional language revisions and other minor adjustments needed to the Inter Local Agreement with the Town of Yadkinville. The Board needs to approve today in order to present to the Town's Board later in the evening. Chair Phillips suggested adding a date and time header in order to determine the most current addendum. Manager Williams will provide the final agreement at the meeting of the Board scheduled for later in the day.

CALENDAR NOTES

No calendar updates at this time.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Vice Chair Garner reported that he had completed some research on QZAB. Yadkin County Schools received QZAB funding 5-6 years ago. Once received, the school's prospect for future funding goes to the bottom of the list. QZAB operates on a 10-year cycle. However, awards are made based on presentation, need, and several other factors. Being on the bottom of the list does not mean automatic disqualification. It was the consensus of the Board that the school system should immediately gear up for next year's QZAB program.

Commissioner Wooten made the following comments/remarks:

- Requested an update on the water line to I-77/Hwy 421 and if the order to proceed had been given. Manager Williams will provide an update at the recessed evening meeting.

- Requested a report on grant submissions. Manager Williams did not have a prepared report at this time. Chair Phillips acknowledged that Manager Williams' time had been better spent on the proposed budget.
- Stated that the water and sewer grant had been approved for Mountain Crest/Town of Jonesville and official notification would be forthcoming.
- Stated concerns about the proposed budget as follows...
 - (1) budget lacks adequate back-up information such as; personnel, fire department data, and others
 - (2) proposed .08¢ increase will be very difficult on seniors and poor families
 - (3) proposed tax rate will especially harm those that live within a municipality as they will face twice the taxation

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to send the budget back to the County Manager's office for additional information or adopt an interim budget until resolved budget can be approved. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioners Wagoner and Cornelius had no comments at this time.

Chair Phillips made the following comments/remarks:

- Reminder on Cruise-in at Unifi from 10-4 on June 9, 2007 for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.
- Fifth Monday in July would typically be reserved for a joint meeting with the School Board. Chair Phillips asked Manager Williams to confirm this date with Yadkin County Schools.
- The North Carolina Senate will now review the Medicaid legislation. Initial indications are that the Senate will add permanent MA relief for the counties. A 1¢ sales tax levy is a possibility.
- Yadkin County will receive federal money of \$81,327 for emergency services for Medicaid recipients.

•Some school officials were concerned with the county match required for QZAB. After some discussion, Board members were convinced that equal match does not necessarily mean county funds. The schools would be required to secure pledges and in-kind services from community businesses and individuals.

•Chair Phillips called for a status update on easements. Attorney Graham reported 2 outstanding easements on Highway 21 and only 1 outstanding easement on Highway 421.

•Chair Phillips thanked Manager Williams for the proposed budget, especially considering this was his first Yadkin County attempt with a relatively new staff. Chair Phillips remarked that certainly the budget would be reviewed and cuts would be made, just part of the process. A tax increase of 8¢ is proposed but that is not a final number. Chair Phillips encouraged fellow Board members to search other sources of revenues to offset the proposed 8¢ tax increase.

Commissioner Wooten added that he is concerned about the \$2 million from the fund balance and the aggressive nature of predicted revenues.

Chair Phillips called for a break at 10:00am. Meeting reconvened at 10:10.

Commissioner Wagoner made a motion to enter a closed session.

Commissioner Wooten second.

Vote: 5/0

Commissioner Wooten made a motion to end the closed session at 10:43. Commissioner Cornelius second.

Vote: 5/0

Regular meeting of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners called into recess at 10:44.

Prepared and Approved by Clerk to the Board